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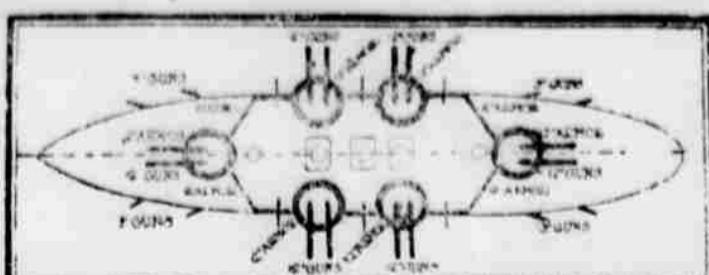
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United States to Have New Battle-Ship That
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While the omission of several tons of important armor from the after end of the superstructures of the Alabama and the Ohio classes of United States battleships continues to provoke discussion among naval architects, there is no likelihood that the defect will be repeated in the later battleships, not only because the great majority of naval officers recognize it a serious fault, but because it is not probable that the United States will build any more battleships similar to those of the classes named and their predecessors.

Instead of modifying existing types to meet the normal advance of naval science, the Navy Department proposes to construct a type of battleship which will be more startling than the "superposed turret" system of the Kentucky and the New Jersey classes. In fact the new type of monster American war ship will be nearly as revolutionary as the original Monitor, although the idea did not emanate from American minds.

The new battleship, upon the designs of which the experts of the Navy Department are now hard at work, will be of 18,000 tons displacement, making her of extraordianay size, but her most conspicuous feature will be her battery, which will consist of no less than twelve big 12-inch, breech-loading rifles as a main battery, with about a score of 14-pounder or 3-inch rapid-fire guns as a secondary battery. There will be nothing between the 12-inch and the small weapons. No battleship in the world so far built carries more than four guns of so large a caliber. The favorite types of American battleships of the past have been two in number, one carrying four 12-inch or 13-inch guns, four or eight 8-inch guns, or twelve 6-inch guns. The other type carries no 8-inch guns, but the four big guns and ten to sixteen 6-inch or 7-inch guns. Both types carry the conventional large secondary battery of small rapid-fire guns.

The proposed new battleship marks a wide divergence not only from these two American types but from all foreign types. The twelve 12-inch guns constitute the most destructive battery in existence. They will be mounted in pairs in six heavily armored turrets, one forward, one aft and two on each broadside. The turrets will be twelve inches thick, and they will revolve in the usual manner, so that a wide arc of fire may be secured. Between the turrets there will be a casemate armor six inches thick, to protect the ventilation system, the piping, systems of communication, and the like, and to lessen the effect of an enemy's rapid fire guns.

Each turret will be independent of the others, each having its own separate magazine and armored ammunition hoist. The turrets being complete ones, shells may explode on any side of them without injuring the men and guns within.

With the numerous battery of smaller rapid-fire guns to guard against torpedo-boat attacks and to harass the unarmored parts of the enemy's ships, the new battleship's armament is a remarkably formidable one. The penetrative power of the 12-inch gun is double that of the 6-inch, while its "crushing power" is eight times as great. No armor save the thickest can withstand its fire, and with six or eight of these terrible weapons pouring shells weighing 850 pounds each against an enemy, the latter would fare badly.

While the additional weight of the extra 12-inch guns is great, it is partly offset by the elimination of the 8-inch and the 6-inch guns and their turrets and armor, and the remaining extra weight is provided for by increasing the displacement from the 16,000 tons of the Connecticut class to 18,000 tons.

While the idea of a battleship carrying such a remarkable battery has been discussed in both England and Italy for the past two years, it has taken no tangible shape until now, when the United States Navy proposes to submit the design to Congress at its coming session.

Harbor Improvements Begun.

Work has begun on the new harbor improvements. They started digging a trench across Alakea street below Allen. They intend to put the seawall here for the first of the three new slips. The trench is to be dug down sixteen feet and a concrete wall put in. The material that is being thrown out is a conglomerate mixture of refuse. Bottles, the remains of old shoes and pieces of half decayed wood form a considerable part of the mixture. The smell of the whole is not exactly that of roses and cannot be healthful to the workmen.

Martha N. Spencer et al to Pacific Sugar Mill; L: R P's 529 and 735, Moiliili, etc, Hamakua, Hawaii; 10 yrs @ \$40 per yr. B 262, p 136. Dated Oct 1, 1904.

Wm R Castle Tr to Makia; Rel: R P 6382, Kul 2895, Kalikoi, Honolulu, Oahu; \$350. B 174, p 215. Dated Nov 12, 1904.

Jose M. Ferreira and wf by mrgs to A B Lindsay; D: int in Govt Home-stand Lot 14, Kauaihi, Hamakua, Hawaii; \$241. B 266, p 6. Dated Oct 5, 1904.

Kohala Ranch Co Ltd to United States of America; L: I room in Kauaihi cottage, furniture, fixtures, etc, one Main Rd and Akahihi Rd, Kohala, Hawaii; 5 yrs @ \$40 per ann. B 275, p 161. Dated Sept 26, 1904.

Carles G. Neander and wf to M J Bottengast; DA, female child Bottengast; G G Neander. B 266, p 218. Dated Oct 29, 1904.

Jno Hind to George F. Tuttish; Rel: R P 4899, Haleakala, Maui; Hauula, 30 yrs in Kohala Telephone Co; B 266, p 161.

Fong Mark Sing to L Yung; L: to Lai Hui, Hauula, Maui; 10 yrs @ \$10 per yr. B 275, p 17. Dated Oct 1, 1904.

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